

agaynst newe fangled newes.

Anno. 2. Richardi. 2. ca. 5.



IT IS straitely defended Agaynste
vpon greuous peyne, for newe
to eschewe damagys & pe- fangled
rpls, that none from hens newes.
forth be so hardy, to fynde,
saye, or to telle any false
newes, messages, or other
suche false thynges, wher-
of dyscorde or any schauins

der myghte ryle within this realme, and he that
dothe the same, shal incurre and haue the peyne
an other tyme ordeyned therof by the statute of
Westmynter first, whiche wyl, that he be taken
and imprysoned, tyll he haue founde hym, of
whom the word: shulde be moued.

Anno. 12. Richardi. 2. ca. 6.

ITEM it is accorded and assented, that no Agaynste
seruaunt of husbandry or laborer, nor seruante vnlawfull
of artifcyer nor of vntapler, shal from hensforth Games.
bere any bohlar, swerde, nor dagger, vpon for-
fapture of the same, but in the tyme of warre
for defense of the realme of Englande, and that
by the suruycenge of the arryers for the tyme
beinge, or traunaplyng by the countrepe with
theri mayster, or in thei maysters message, but
suche seruauntes and laborers shal haue bowes
and arrowes, and vse the same the sondayes
and holydayes, and leaue all playenge at tenyce
or footbal, and other games called coytes, dice,
castynge of the stone, kayles, and other such ima-
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portune games. And that the Myrresses, mayres, baylyffes, and constables Mall haue power to arrest, and Mal arrest al doers agaynst this statute, and sease the sayde buhlars, Swerdes, and daggars, and kepe them tyll the sessyons of the Justices of peace, and the same presente before the same iustices in theyr sessyons, to gether with the names of theym that dydde beare the same. And it is not the kynges mynde, that any prejudice be done to the fraunchyses of lordes, touchynge the forfaytures due to them.

Anno. 11. Henrici. 4. cap. 4.

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O V R. Souerayne lord the kyng wyll, that the statute made at Canturbury, the. 12. yere of the reigne of kyng Richard the. 2. be fynesly holden and kepte: Fornyng to the same, that euery such laborer or seruant, that doth contrary to the same statute, Mall haue imprisonment by. vi. dayes. And the mayres and Myrresses, or the mayres and baylyffes of cities and burghes, and the constables in other townes, Mall haue power to put this statute in execution fro tyme to tyme, and if they do not therof execution, the same mayres and Myrresses, or mayres and baylyffes aforesayde, Mall pay to the kyng for euery defaute. xx.s. and the constables or constable of euery towne, that doth not lyke execution of this statute, Mall paye for euery theyr or his default. vi.s. iiii. d. And that the Justices of assises Mall haue power to enquire in this case in theyr sessyons from tyme to tyme, of theym that dothe contrary to this statute, and therof to certifie

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certifze in the Chauncerye.

Anno. 17 Edvvardi. 4. cap. 3.

¶ O V R Soueraygne lord the kynge, by the
advisse of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and
the comons in the sayd parlyament assembled,
and by auctorite of the same, hath ordeined, that
after the feaste of Easter nexte commynge, noo
persone, gouernour nor occupper of any house,
tenement, garden, or other place within this re-
alme, shall wyllyngly suffer any person to occu-
ppe or playe any of the sayd games called cloy,
kayles, halfebowle, hande in and hand out, or
queuborde, or any of them, within any of theyr
sayde houses, tenementes, gardenes, or any or
ther place, vpon payne to haue the imprysons-
ment of thre yerres, and to forfayte and lose for
euery offence. xx.li. The one halfe therof to our
Soueraygne lord the kynge, to be applyed to the
vse of his house, in all suche places where such
forfayture shall happen to fall, other then where
any persone ought to haue the forfayture of the
goodes of felons and fugityues, by any lawfull
graunt, auctoritie of parlyament, or otherwise.
And it is ordeyned by the sayde auctoritie, that
all such persones, theyr heires and successours,
whiche ought to haue any suche forfaytures in
suche places, shall haue all suche halfe as shall
hereafter forfayte by any of the premysse. And
the other halfe therof to hym or theym, that in
this behalfe wyl pursue by accyon of det at the
common lawe. In whiche accion, lyke proccesse,
trypall, iudgement, costes, damages, and execu-
cion, shall be hadde, as is vled in other accions

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there pursued. And that noo personne from the sayde feaste of Ester, shall vse any of the sayde games called cloth, halfebowle, hayles, handes in and handout, or quickeboorde, vppon payne of two yerres imprisonment, and to forsayte for euery defeaute. x. li. The one halfe therof to our soueraygne lord the kynge, to be applyed to the vse of his house in all suche places, where suche forsayture shall happen to fal, other then where any persone ought to haue the forsayture of the goodes of felons and fugityues by any lauffull graunte, auctoritie of parliament, or other wise. And it is ordeyned by the sayde auctoritie, that all suche persons, theyr heyres and successours, whiche ought to haue any suche forsaytures in suche places, shall haue all suche halfe, that shall be hereafter forsayte by any of the premyses. And the other halfe therof to hym or them, that in this behalfe wyll sue by action of det, in lyke maner and forme to be had, tryed, ruled, and ordeered, as is aforesayde.

Anno. ii. Henrici. 7. cap. 2.

vnlawfull games. **FARTHERMORE** it is ordeyned and enacted, that none apprentyse, ne seruaunte of husbandry, labourer, ne seruant artificeer, play at the tables from the tenth daye of Januarpe nexte commyng, but ouly for meate and drinke, ne at the tenys, claue, dyce, cardes, bowles, nor any other vnlawfull game in noo wyse out of Chyristmas, and in Chyristmas to playe onely in the dwelling house of his maister, or where the maister or any of the said seruauntes is present, vpon

vnlawfull games.

Upon payne of emprisonement by the space of a
daye in the stocks openly. And that the house-
holder, where dycyng, cardynge, tenis playeng,
bowles, claſhe, or any other vnlawfull game as
foze reherſed ſhall be vſed, otherwyſe than is as
foze reherſed, and that lawfully be preſented be-
foze the iuſtices of peace, the mayre, Myrſſe in
his tourne, or ſteward in his lete, or by examina-
tion hadde afore the ſayd iuſtices of peace, that
proceſſe be made vpon the ſame, as vpon endite-
ment of treſpas agaynſt the kynges peace. And
that the ſayde myſdoer be admytted to no fyne
vnder the ſomme of. vi. s. viii. d. And that it be
lawfull to. ii. of the iuſtices of the peace, wher-
of one ſhall be of the Quorum, within theyr au-
thorite, to reſecte and put away common ale ſel-
lynge in townes and places, where they ſhall
thynke conueniente, and to take ſuertie of the
keepers of ale houſes, of theyr good behaupnge,
by the dyſcretion of the ſayd iuſtices, and in the
ſame to be aduſed and agreed at the tyme of
theyr ſeſſions.

Anno. 19. Henrici. 7. cap. 12.

¶ A N D furthermore it is ordeyned and ena-
cted, that none apprentyce ne ſeruaunte at huſ-
bandry, labourer, ne ſeruaunt artifycer, play at
the tables from the feaſte of Eaſter nexte com-
myng, ne at tennyes, claſhe, dyſe, cardes, bow-
les, nor any other vnlawfull games in no wyſe
out of the. xii. dayes at Cryſtmas, and than to
play onely in dwellinge houſes of his maſter,
or where the maſter or any of the ſayd ſerua-
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tes is present, vpon perne of enprisonement by the space of a daye in the stocks openlye. And that the householder, where dislinge, cardynge, temps playenge, bowles, clothe, or any other vnlawfull game, afoze reherfed, shall be vsed, or otherwise than is afoze reherfed, and that lawfully ben presented before Iustices of the peace, mayre, Myrresse in his tourne, or Steward in his lete, or by examination hadde before the sayde iustyce of peace, that processe be made vpon the same, as vpon inditement of trespas agaynste the kynges peacc, and that the sayde mysdoer be admytted to no fyne vnder the somme of. vi. s. viii. d. And that it be laulful to two of the iustices of peace, wherof one shall be of the Quorum, within theyr auctorite, to relect and put away common ale sell yng in townes and places, where they shal thynke conuenient, and to take suertie of the keepers of the ale houses, of theyr good behaupnge, by the dyscretion of the sayde iustices, and in the same to be aduised and agreed at the tyme of theyr sessions.

Anno. 3. Henrici. 8. cap. 3.

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¶ T H E kynges hyghnes, of his blessed dyspo-
sition, great wysedome, and prouidence, and al-
so for zeale to the publyke weale, suertie, and
defence of this his realme, and subiectes, and
theyr auncient fame in this behalfe to be reuy-
ued and repaired, by the assent of his lordes spi-
rituall and temporal, and his commons in this
present parlyament assembled, and by auctory-
tie of the same, hath ordeigned, enacted, and es-
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Stabliſhed, that the ſtatute of Wyncheſter for archers be put in due execution. And ouer that, that euery man beyng the kynges ſubiecte, not lame, decreput, nor maymed, nor hauynge any other lawfull or reasonable cauſe or impediment beyng within the age of .lx. yeres, excepte to tho menne, ſpirituall men, Juſtices of the one benche and of the other, Juſtices of aſſyſe, and barons of the eſchequer, do vſe and exerciſe ſhotynge in longe bowes. And alſo to haue a bowe and arrowes redy continually in his houſe, to vſe hym ſelfe, and do vſe hym ſelfe in ſhotynge. And alſo that the father, gouernours, and rulers of ſuche as be of tender age, do teache and byngge vp theym in the knowledge of the ſame ſhotynge. And that euery man hauynge a man chyldre, or men chyldren in his houſe, ſhall prouyde, ordeyne, and haue in his houſe for euery man chyldre, beinge of the age of .vii. yeres, and aboue, tyll he ſhall come to the age of .xvii. yere, a bow and .ii. ſhaftes, to endure and lerne them, and byngge them vp in ſhotynge, and ſhall deliuer all the ſame bowe and arrowes to the ſame yonge men, to vſe and occupie. And if the ſame yonge men be ſeruauntes, that then theyr maſters ſhall abate the money, that they ſhall paye for the ſame bowes and arrowes, of theyr wages. And after al ſuche yonge men ſhall come to the age of .xvii. yeres, euery of them ſhall prouyde and haue a bowe and .iiii. arrowes continually for hym ſelfe at his propre coſtes and charges, or els of the gyfte or prouyſion of his frendes, and vſe and occupie the ſame in ſhotynge, as is afore reherſed. And that the Juſti-

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ees of assises, of gaole deliuerie, iustices of peace, and stewardes of franchises, letes and lawedays, haue power to enquire of all the p[re]mises in their sessions, letes, and lawedays, and here and determine the same. And also by their discretions examine all persons, lackynge and not haupnge bowes, mastes, and arrowes, accordynge to the fourme afore rehersed. And euery persone that shall be founden by suche inquerie or examination in defeaute, or not prouydynge and haupnge bowes arrowes and mastes redy, by the space of one monthe, shall forfeite and pay for euery such defeaute. xii. d. And where any suche forfeiture shall happen to be founden within the precincte of any franchise lette or laweday, than the lord of the same franchise lette or laweday shall haue the forfeiture therof. And in all other places, al suche forfeiture to be to the kynge our souerayne lord, his heires, and successours. ¶ And that al statutes heretofore made agaynste them that vse vnlawful games, be duly put in execution, and punishment had accordynge to the penalties of the same, as well agaynst the offenders and occupiers of suche vnlawfull games, as agaynste them that be owners or keepers of houses or other places, where any suche vnlawfull games be vsed, accordynge to the purporte tenour and intente of the same statutes. And furthermore, that al iustices of peace, mayres, baylyffes, shereffes, constables, and all other heed officers, and euery of them, fyndynge or knowynge any maner person or persones, vsynge or exercysynge any vnlawful games, contrary to the sayde statute, haue full power

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power and auctoritie to commytte euery suche offender to warde, there to remaine without bayle or mainpryse, to suche tyme he or they soo offendyng be bounden by obligation to the kinges vse, in suche somme of moneye, as by the dyscretion of the sayde Iustices, mayres, baylyffes, or other heed officers, shal be thought reasonable, that they nor any of them shal not from thenseforth vse any vnlawful games. And that euery bower within this realme alwaye make for euery one bowe of ewe, that he maketh to sel, at the least. ii. bowes of elme wyche or other wode of meane price. And if they or any of them refuse so to do, and it founden before the iustices of peace in the Myre, or mayres, baylyffes, or other heed offycer of cityes or boroughes within theyr cyties or borowes by presentemente of xii. men, or by due examination before the sayd iustices of peace, or ii. of them, or before the said mayres or baylyffes, that then the same Iustices, mayres, or baylyffes haue ful auctoritie and power to commytte them to warde, there to remaine without bayle or mainpryse by the space of. viii. dayes or more, by the dyscretion of the sayde iustices, mayres, or baylyffes. And also that buttes be made in euery citie, towne, and place accordyng to the lawe of aunciente tyme vled. And that the inhabitantes and dwellers, in euery of them be compelled to make and consynue suche buttes, and to exercise theym selfe with longe bowes in shotynge at the same, and elles where on holy dayes and other times conueniente.

¶ And ouer that it is enacted by the sayde auctoritie,

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Statute, that euery Justice of peace within this realme, or ii. of them within theyr seuerall iurisdiccions, haue full power and auctoritie, to take, assigne, and appoynte bowyers in. iii. ii. or mo places by theyr discretio within euery shire, citie, or borowes, where the moste common repaire and resorte is of his subiectes, and there to enhabyte and make longe bowes, of elme, wyche, or other woodde of lytel pryce and value, to serue the commynalte for the due exercise of shotynge, and to take and compell as many of them, as they shal thinke necessary by theyr discretions, to inhabite at such places for the same. And so in lyke wyse as often as the case shal require and be thought behouefull. And that all bowestauers of ewe, hereafter to be brought into this realme to be solde, be open and not solde in bundels nor close, to thentent the byers of them maye haue persfyte knowledge of the goodnesse of them, and gve the better pryce for them, if they be so worthe.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctorite afore sayde, that all mayres, bayliffes, sheryffes, and al other heed officers, shal make open proclamation of these presentes in euery market and fairs to be holden within theyr seuerall iurisdiccions and auctorities, and also that the Justice of the gaole deliuere, assises, and Justices of peace do cause the same to be proclaymed in theyr seueral circuits and sessions before them to be holden.

This acte concernynge the makynge of bowes of elme, wyche, or other then of ewe, to begon to take effect at the feast of Lammasse next comynge: And the resydue of all this acte to take effecte

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effecte and put in execution immediatly, and to endure to the nexte parlyament.

Item that no straunger borne out of the kynges obeyssaunce (not beyng denysen) shall not conuey, nor do to be conueyed in to any partes out of the kynges obeyssaunce, any long bowes, arrowes, or Maftes, without the kynges special licence, vpon peyne of forfayture of the same, where so euer they shall be taken within this the kynges power, and vpon peyne of imprisonment without bayle or mayntynse, vnto suche tyme he or they (so beinge in warde) haue made a reasonable fyne to the kyng for his or their offences afore the Justice of peace, or ii. of them in their sessions in the same countie, where he or they shall be committed to warde, or fynde sufficient suerty for the paymēt of the same fyne.

Item that no maner person (not being borne within the kynges obeyssaunce) not made denysen, vse within the kynges obeyssaunce motyng with longe bowes, without the kynges licence, vpon peyne of forfayture such bowes, arrowes, and Maftes, as they shall be founden so motyng with, and euery of the kynges subiectes maye haue auctoritie to take and seise the same forfaytures to his owne vse.

Anno. 22. Henrici. 8. cap. 12.

¶ **B E I T** enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the Justices of the peace, of al and singuler the Shires of En-
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lande within the limittes of theyr commissions,
and all other Justices of peace Mayres Sher-
ryffes baylyffes and other officers, of all and e-
very cite boroughe riddings or franchises, with
in the realme of Englande, within the limittes
of theyr auctorities, Mall from tyme to tyme as
often as nede Mall require, by theyr discretions
deuyde them selves within the sayd Mayres cities
boroughes ryddynges or franchises, wherof
they be Justices of peace Mayres Sherryffes
baylyffes or officers, and so beyng deuyded, Mall
make diligente serche and inquerie, of all aged
poore and impotent persones, whiche lyue or of
necessitie be compelled to lyue by almes of the
charytie of the people, that be or Mall be here-
after abydyng within every hundred rape wa-
pentake cite boroughe parische libertie or fran-
ches within the limittes of theyr diuision. And
after and vpon suche serche made, the saide Jus-
tices of peace Mayres Sheriffes baylyffes and
other officers, that is to say every of them with
in the lymyttes of theyr auctorities, wheroun
to they be deuyded, Mall haue power and aucto-
rytie by theyr discretions, to enable to begge
within suche hundred rape wapentake Cite
towne parische or other lymyttes, as they Mall
appoynte, suche of the sayde impotent persons,
whiche they Mall fynde and thynke moste con-
uenient within the lymyttes of theyr diuysyon,
to lyue of the charitez and almes of the people.
And to gyue in commaundement to every suche
aged and impotent begger (by them enabled)
that nonz of them Mall begge without the lym-
yttes to them so appoynted. And Mall also re-
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gesser and write the names of euery such impo-
tente begger, by them appoynted, in a bplle oz
rolle indented, the one parte therof to remayne
with them selfe, and the other parte by them to
be certified before the Justices of peace at the
nexte sessions after suche serche had, to be hol-
den within the sayde shires, cities, townes, oz
fraunchises, there to remaine vnder the keeping
of Custos Rotulorum. And that the sayde Jus-
tice of peace Mayres Sheryffes baylyffes and
other officers, that is to say as they be deuised,
shall haue power and auctorite to make suche
and so many seales to be engraued with the na-
mes of the hundredes rapes wapentakes cities
boroughes townes oz places, within the which
they shal appoynt and limyt euery suche impo-
tent person to begge, and commyt the sayd sea-
les to the custody of suche of them, oz to the cus-
tody of suche other as they shall thynke conue-
nient, and shall make and deliuer to euery such
impotent persone, by them enabled to begge, a
letter conteynynge the name of suche impotent
persone, and wytnessynge that he is auctorysed
to begge, and the lymittes, within whiche he is
appoynted to begge. The same letter to be sea-
led with suche of the sayd seales, as shall be en-
graued with the names of the lymitte, wherein
suche impotent personne shall be appoynted to
begge in, and to be subscribed with the name of
one of the sayde Justices oz officers aboue sayd.
And if any suche impotent persone, so auctory-
sed to begge, do begge in any other place, than
within suche lymittes, that he shall be assigned
vnto, that than the Justices of peace, Mayres,
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Sheriffes baylyffes constables and all other the kynges officers and ministers, shal by theyr discretions punyssh all such persons by imprisonment in the stocks by the space of. ii. days and ii. nyghtes, gyuyng them but only breade and water, and after that cause euerye suche impotent personne to be sworne to retourne agayne without delape to the hundred rape wapentake cite boroughe towne parische or franchises, where they be authoyised to begge in.

And it is enacted, that noo suche impotent personne, as is aboue sayd, after the feast of the natiuitie of sayncte Iohn Baptyste nexte comynge: shal begge within any parte of this realme, excepte he be authoyised by wytyng vnder seale, as is aboue sayde. And if any suche impotent personne, after the sayde feast of saynt Iohn, be vagarant, and go abeggyng, hauynge no suche letter vnder seale, as is aboue specifiesed: that then the constables, and al other inhabitantes within suche towne or parische, where suche personne shal begge, shal cause euery such begger to be taken, and brought to the next Iustice of peace, or highe constable of the hundred: And there vppon, the sayde Iustice of peace, or hyghe constable, shal commaunde the sayd constables, and other inhabitantes of the towne or parische, whiche shal byng before hym any suche begger, that they shal stripe him naked from the myddel vppward, and cause hym to be whippid, within the towne where he was taken, or within some other towne, where the same Iustice or hyghe constable shal appoynte: if it shal seme to the discretion of the sayd iustice of peace

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or hyghe constable, that it be conuenient soo to punishe suche begger to hym broughte: And if not, thanne to commaunde suche begger, to be set in the stocks in the same towne or paryshe, where he was taken, by the space of thre dayes and thre nyghtes, there to haue only breade and water, and therupon, the sayd Justice, or highe constable, afoze whome suche begger shall be brought, shall lymitte to him a place to begge in, and giue to hym a letter vnder seale, in forme a- boue remembred, and sweare him to departe and repayre thither immediately after his punishement to hym executed.

¶ And be it farther enacted by the auctoritie a- foyesayde, that if any persone or personnes, be- yng hole and myghty in body, and able to la- bour, at any tyme after the sayde feast of saynt Iohn be taken in beggynge in any parte of this realme: or if any manne or woman, beyng hole and myghty in body, and able to labour, hauing no lande, mayster, nor vsynge any lafull war- choundise crafte or mystrye, wherby he myghte gette his lyuynge, after the same feast be va- grant, and can gyue no rekenyng howe he doth leuallye gette his lyuynge: that thanne it shall be lesul to the constables, and all other the kyn- ges officers mynistrers, and subiectes of euery towne paryshe and hamlette, to arrest the sayde vacaboundes, and ydell personnes, and theym bring to any of the iustices of peace of the same shyre or libertie, or elles to the hyghe constable of the hundred rape or wapentake, within whiche suche persones shall be taken. And if he be taken within any citie or towne corporate: than

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to be broughte before the Mayre, Sheryffes, or
baylyffes of euery suche towne corporate. And
that enery suche Justice of peace, hyghe constable
Mayres Sheryffes and baylyffes, by theyr
dyscretions, Mall cause euery such ydell person,
so to hym broughte, to be had to the nexte mar-
ket towne, or other place, where the sayde Jus-
tices of peace, hyghe constable Mayres baillyffes
and other officers, Mall thinke most conuenient
by his or their discretions, and there to be tyed
to the ende of a cart naked, and be beaten with
whippes, throught out the same market towne,
or other place, tyll his body be bloody by reason
of suche whyppe. And after suche punish-
ment and whyppe had, the persone so punis-
shed, by the dyscretion of the Justyce of peace,
hyghe constable, Mayre, Sheryffes, baylyffes,
and other officers, afore whom suche personne
Mall be broughte, Mall be enioyned vpon his
othe, to retourne forthewith without delaye, in
the nexte and streyghte waye, to the place where
he was borne, or where he laste dwelled, before
the same punishment, by the space of thre yeres,
and there to put hym selfe to labour, lyke as a
true man oweth to do. And after that done, e-
uery suche person, so punished and ordered, Mall
haue a letter sealed, with the scale of the hun-
dred, rape, wapentake, citie, boroughe, towne,
libertie, or fraunchise, wherein he Mall be punys-
shed, wptnessynge that he hath bene punysshed,
acco:dyng to this estatute, and conteynyng the
day and place of his punishment, and the place
wherevnto he is lymitted to goo: and by what
tyme he is lympettyed to comme thither, within
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whiche time, he may laufully begge by the way,
shewynge the same letter, and other wyse not.
And if he do not accomplishe the order to hym
appoynted by the sayde letter, than to be este-
sones taken and whyped, and soo as often as
any defaute shall be founde in hym, contrary to
the order of this estatute, in every place to be ta-
ken and whyped, tyll he be repayed where he
was borne, or where he last dwelled by the space
of thre yeres, and there put his body to labour
for his lyuynge, or other wyse, trewely get his
lyuynge withoute beggynge, as longe as he is
able so to do. And if the persone so whyped,
be an ydel persone and no common begger, than
after suche whypynge, he shall be kepte in the
stocks, tyll he hath founde suertie to go to ser-
uice, or els to labour, after the discretion of the
sayd Justice of peace, Mayre Sheryffes bay-
lyffes, hyghe constables, or other suche officers,
afoze whom any suche ydel persone, beyng no
common begger, shall be broughte, if by the dis-
cretion of the same Justyce of peace, Mayre,
Sheryffe, baylye, hyghe constable, or other su-
che hede officer, it be thought conueniente, and
that the partie so punished, be able to fynde su-
ertie, or elles to be ordred and sworne to repaire
to the place where he was borne, or where he
laste dwelled, by the space of thre yeres, and to
haue lyke letter and suche further punishment,
if he estesones offende this estatute, as is aboue
appoynted to and for the common stronge and
able beggers, and soo from tyme to tyme to be
ordred and punished, tyll he put his bodye to
laboure, or other wise get his lyuynge trewely,

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Accordynge to the lawe. And that the Iustices of the peace, of every Myre ryddynge cite town and libertie, shal haue power & auctoritie, within the lymittes of thei: commissions, to enquire of all Mayres, baylyffes, constables, and other officers and persones, that shal be neglygent in executynge of this acte.

¶ And if the constables and inhabitantes within any towne or parische, where any suche impotent persone, or stronge begger dothe happen to begge, contrarie to the fourme of this estatute, be neglygent, and take not euery such impotent and stronge begger, that so shal begge agaynst the fourme of this estatute, and order and punyshe euery suche begger, as is aboue lymitted, that than the towne shyp or parische, where suche defaute shal be, shal lose and forsaite for euery suche impotent begger, that shal be suffered to begge within the sayde towne shyp or parische, not beinge taken ordered and punysshed, accordynge to the fourme of this estatute. iiii. s. iiii. d. and for euery stronge begger, that shal happen to begged within any suche towne shyp or parische, not beinge taken and ordered, as is aboue lymitted by this estatute. vi. s. viii. d. The one halfe of all whiche forsaitures to be to the kynge our soueraygne lord, and the other halfe to hym that wyl sue for the same, by any byll of information afore the kynges iustices of his peace, in thei: generall sessions, to be holden in the Myre, or within any lybertye, where suche defaute shal happen.

¶ And that all Iustices of peace, within any Myre cite borough or lybertye, shal haue full power

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power and auctoritie, as wel to here and determyne every suche defaulte by presentment, as by suche byll of information, and vppon every presentment afore them, & vpon every suche byll of informatiō, to make procelle by distresse ageyne the inhabitantes of every suche towne and parryshe, where any defaulte shall be presented, or supposed by any such informatiō. By auctorite of whiche distresse, the sheryffe or other offyccer, to whom by the law such distresse shalbe made, shall distreyn the goodes and catelles of suche one or two of the sayde inhabytauntes, as he maye haue knowledge were mooste neglygente, and in defaulte in the execution of this acte, and the sayde distresse retayne tll they fynde suertie to appere at the sessions, lymytted in the sayde distresse. And in case they appere and confesse the defaulte, or elles if they traaverse the presentmente, and it be tried ageynst them by verdyte, or denye the enformation, and it be proued as geynst them by sufficient wytnesse: than the said Justyces of peace, in theyr sessions, shall have auctoritie to assesse the fynes as bene aboue lymytted after the rates aboue sayd, and to make procelle for the leuyeng of the same, by distresse of the inhabitantes of such townes or parishes, where suche defaulte shall be tryed or proued. And that every such fyne, if it growe by presentmente, to be onely to the kynges vse. And if it growe by information: than the moytie therof to be to hym that pursueth the information for the same, and the other moitie therof to the kynges vse, as is aforesayde. And if any such person or persones dystreyned, appere not at the

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Daye and place conteyned in suche distresse, then vppon the retourne of the sheryffe or other officer, to whom the distresse was deliuered to execute, that suche personne or persones were dyscrepned: then every suche persone or persones, soo dyscrepned at the fyrste dysstresse, shall lose. xl. d. and at the seconde. vi. s. viii. d. and so to be doubled vpon every distresse in suche cases to be awarded, tyll apparaunce maye be hadde by one of the inhabitauntes of suche towne or parische, to denye, trauesse, or confesse the presentmente or information, exhibited ageyne any suche towne or parische: to the entente that vpon tryall or profe therof, the fynes aboue lymytted maye be assessed and leuyed of the inhabitauntes of euerye suche towne or parische, as is aboue reherced.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that scholars of the vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, that go about beggynge, not begynge aucthorised vnder the scale of the sayde vniuersities, by the commynsary Chauncellour or bychauncellour of the same, and all and synghler mynemen, pretendynge losses of theyr mysses and goodes of the see, goynge aboute the countreys beggynge without suffyciente auctoritie, wytnessynge the same: shall be punysshed and ordred in maner and fourme as is aboue reherced of stronge beggers. And that all proctors and pardoners, goynge aboute in any countrey or countreys, without sufficient auctoritie, and all other ydel persons, goynge about in any countrey, or abydyng in any citie borough or towne, some of them vsynge dyuers and subtyll craftie
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and vnlawfull games and playes, and some of them seynnyng them selves to haue knowledge in physike, phisnamp, palmestry, or other crafty seynences, wherby they beare the people in hande, that they can tell theyr destenyes diseases and fortunes, and suche other lyke fantasticall ymaginations, to the greatte discreite of the kyniges subiectes: Mall vpon examynation hadde before two Iustices of peace, wherof the one Mall be of the Quorum, if he by prouable wytnesse be founde guilty of any such deceytes, be punished by whippynge at two dayes together after the maner before rehersted. And if he relesones offende in the sayd offence, or any like offence: then to be scourged. ii. dayes, and the thyrde daye to be put vpon the pylloze from. ix. of the clocke tyll a. xi. before noone of the same day, and to haue one of his eares cutte of. And if he offende the thyrde tyme: to haue lyke punishment with whippynge, bondynge on the pylloze, and to haue his other eare cutte of.

And that Iustices of the peace, haue lyke autoritie in euery libertie and franchise within their thynges, where they be Iustices of peace, for the execution of this acte in euery parte therof, as they Mall haue without the libertie or franchise.

¶ Also it is further enacted, that this acte Mall perely be redde in the open sessions, to thentend that the sayde estatute Mall be the moze feared, and the better put in execution.

¶ And further moze be it enacted, that if any persone or persons, at any tyme here after, giue any herborough money or lodgynge to any beggers, beyng stronge and able in theyr bodyes

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to waike, whiche order them selves contrary to the fourme of this estatute: that every such personne soo doyng, beyng suffreyently proved or presented afore any Justyce of peace, shall make suche fyne to the kynge, as by the dyscretion of the sayde Justices of peace at theyr generall sessions shall be assessed. And if any person or persones do dysturbe or lette the execution of this act in any maner wyse, or make recus agaynst any Mayre, Sheryffe, baylyffe or other person, that shall endeavour hym selfe for the due execution thereof: it is than enacted, that every such person and persones, for every such offence doyng, shall lose and forfayte. L. s. and sure that to have imprisonment at the kynges wyl. The one halfe of whiche forfayture, if suche offence be committed in any cytie or towne corporate, to be to the mayre, sheryffe, baylyffe, or other heed officers of suche cytie or towne corporate, where any suche offence shall be done, to the vse of the commynaltie of every such cytie or towne corporate. And if it be committed out of a cytie or towne corporate, than the sayde one halfe to be to the lord of the lette or lawe daye, where suche offence shall be done, and the other halfe of every such forfayture to be to the kynge our soueraygne lord. For the whiche forfayture of. v. l. recoverie shal be had by action of Dette byll playnte or information in any of the kynges courtes: in whiche suites the defendauntes shal not wage theyr lawe, nor have any eslopyne or protection allowed.

Provided alway that this act nor any thing therein conteyned, shall be hurtfull or prejudiciall

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shall to the barons or other inhabitants of the
fyue portes or of theyr membres: neither to any
graunte lybertie or fraunchise heretofore made
by the kynge our soueraygne lord, or any his
progenitours kynges of Englande, to the said
barons or other inhabitants, theyr ancestors
predecessours or to any of them.

And that it be enacted by auctorite of this
present parlyamente, that all and every Mayre
and mayres, and baylye and baylyffes, electye
and elected by the commons and inhabitauntes
of every towne and place of the sayd portes and
membres, and also iurates of every of the sayde
townes and places of the said portes and mem-
bres, shall haue lyke auctorite within every su-
che towne and place, where they or any of them
be or shall be Mayre baylyffe or iurate, to putte
or cause to be put this acte in due execution, as
the Iustices of peace in any countye of this re-
alme, haue or shall haue auctorite and power
by this acte to do, where they be Iustices. And
that the inhabitants, within every towne with-
in the sayde portes, shall be bounden to the ex-
ecution of this acte lyke as other inhabitauntes
be without the sayde portes, vppon lyke peyne
as is aboue remembred. And if any personne or
persones, whiche shall inhabite within the sayd
v. portes or membres, be he impotente or other
ydell personne, do hereafter begge without the
sayde fyue portes or membres of the same, con-
trary to this acte, that then every suche persone
shall be ordered and punished accordyng to this
acte, any thyng in this p'ouiso to the contras-
ty not withstandyng.

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And it is ordeyned and enacted, that the seales, about reherled, shall be made at the colles and charges of the Iudges of peace, Mayres Sheryffes baylyffes, and other officers aboue witten, on this spede the feaste of the Natyvitie of saynt Iohn Baptyst nexte commynge, that is to saye, that euery of them, shall do the sayde seales to be made within the lympittes of theyr diuision iurisdiction and auctorities.

And it is also ordeyned and enacted, that wyle letter to be made by the auctorite of this acte, whereby any impotent begger shall be authorised and assigned to begge, shall be made in this fourme ensuyng.

Wane. II. Memorandum that. J. B. of Dale, for resonable considerations is lycensed to begge within the hundrede of B. R. and L. in the sayde countie. Given vnder the seale of that lympitt, **Salutis et Anno.**

And that euery such letter, that shall be made and deliuered to suche begger or vacabounde, after he hath be whipped by auctoritie of this acte, shall be made in this wyle folowynge.

Went. J. S. whipped for a vagrante George begger at Dale, in the sayde countie accordynge to the lawe, the. xxii. dape of July, in the. xxi. yere of hyng Henry the. viii. was assigned to passe forthwith and dyrectely, frome thens to Dale, in the countie of Midd, where he saythe he was borne, or where he laste dwelled, by the tyme of. iii. yeres. And he is lymitted to be there within. xiiij. dares nexte ensuenge at his parell, or within suche numbrie of dayes as to hym shall be lympitted by the dyscretioun of the
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maker of the sayde letter. In wytnesse wherof the scale of the lymitte of the sayde place of his punishment herevnto is sette.

¶ And it is enacted, that every suche letter shall be made at the equall costes of suche of the sayd Justices, Mayres, Sheryffes, Baylyffes, or other officers, within whose iurisdiction powers and auctorities the sayde begger or vacabounde shall be whipped or lympytted to begge in, by auctoritie of this acte. And every suche letter shall be subscribed with the hande of one of the sayde Justices, Mayres, Sheryffes, Bailiffes, or other officers in this fourme folowing. *Per me A. B. vnum Iusticiarium pacis, or maiorem civitatis, or ballivum ville, or constabularium talis hundredi, or elles in lyke fourme in englyshe.*

¶ And it is further enacted, that everye suche persone and persones, as have the custody of any Gayles, within any shire cytie boroughe or towne corporate, on this syde the feast of sainte John the Baptyste, shall do make a scale engraved with the name of the castel pyson or Gayle, which he kepeth. And in case any person or persones, that at any tyme after the sayde feast of sainte John, shall be delivured out of any Castle or pysonne for suspectous of felony by proclamation, or be acquytte of any felonye, and hath no frendes to pay his fees, nor was borne with in the hundrede or place, where he shall happen to be so delivured, nor can gette hym no master, there to abyde and worke with, shall have lybertye to begge for his fees by the lycence of his keeper, by the space of. *vi. weekes* nexte after suche
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Delyueraunce, and after that to be compelled to go to the hundred, where he was bozne or laste dwelled by the space of .iii. yeres within suche tyme as Mall be lymptted by one of the Justices of peace, Mayres Sheriffes baylyffes, or any offycers, where suche delyueraunce Mall be had. ¶ And it is enacted, that every suche personne so delyuered, Mall haue a letter made to hym by the clerke of the peace of the Myre, within the whiche he was delyuered, if he be delyuered in the Myre: and if he be delyuered in any citie borough or towne corporate, thanne he to haue a letter of the common clerke of every suche cytie borough or towne, where he is delyuered, every suche letter wytnessynge the daye of his delyueraunce, and the place where he was delyuered, and afoze whom, and the tyme appoynted to hym to begge for his fees, and the place to the whiche he Mall be assigned to repaire vnto, in case he can get no mayster to sal to worke where he was delyuered. And to everye suche letter the sayde Baylour, or keeper of prisone, out of the whiche suche persone Mall be delyuered, Mall put the seale lymitted to be made as is aforesayde for the sayde prisone. And that everye suche letter Mall be made in this wyse folowynge.

¶ Eller. A. ¶ The. xx. day of July, An. regni regis Henri. viii. xliii. J. S. was delyuered for felony out of the Gaile of. D. in the sayd countie, at the sessions holden afoze J. B. and his felowes at Hale, the day and yere afoze said, and is allowed to begge for his fees by the space of vi. weekes. And in case he can get hym no may-

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Her to worke within the sayde terme, than he is assigned to passe directly to. D. in the countye of Kente, where he saythe he was borne, or laste dwelled by the space of. iiii. yeres. And he is allowed. xiiii. dayes nexte after the sayde. vi. weekes for his passage thither, or suche nombze of dayes as to hym shall be lympitted by the dyscretion of the maker of the sayde letter. In witness wherof the scale of the prysen, from the whiche he was deliuered, ther vnto is sette. And in suche shires, where there is no Gayle, the sheryffe tharof, for the tyme beyng, shall cause a scale to be engraue with the name of the shire, & shall order and vse the same scale to and for such persones deliuered as is afore sayde, after lyke manner and fourme as the Gayler or keeper of the Gayle is lympitted and appoynted to do by this acte.

And it is also enacted, that euery clerke of the peace of the shire, within the whiche suche personne shall be deliuered, and euery common clerke of euery citie borough or towne corporate, within the whiche any suche persone shall be deliuered, shall make for euery suche persone as shall be so deliuered, where they be suche officers, the sayde letter in fourme aboue sayde, without any fee takynge for the same, and shall deliuer euery suche letter to the Gaylour or keeper of the prisone, from the whiche suche person shall be deliuered. And if there be noo Gayle there, then to the sheryffe of the shire where such deliuerance shall be had, within one daye next after the ende of the sessions, where any such deliuerance is had, vpon payne to lose and forsayte

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Capte for defaulte of euerry letter. xii. d. to the
kyng our soueraygne lord. And that the Gat-
toller or keeper of the prison, from the which the
sayde personne shall be so deliuered, and in case
there be no Gattoller, than the Sheriffe of the County,
where any suche deliuerance shall be had, shall
not suffer any such person to go abroad to begge
for his fees, nor departe out of prison, excepte
it be to seruise or labour, vntill the same gaty-
llor or Sheriffe fynde deliuer to the sayde person
the sayde letter, conteynynge his name, sealed
with the seale of the prison, from the whiche he
shall be deliuered, or elles with the seale engra-
ued with the name of the County, if there be no
prison, vpon payne for euery defaulte to lose. xii.
d. to our soueraygne lord.

¶ And it is enacted, that if any person or per-
sones, so beyng deliuered out of prison, at any
tyme after the sayde feaste doo begge, not ha-
uynge the sayde letter sealed in forme aboue
sayde, or begge contrarie to the tenour of the
same letter, that then he shall be taken or dered
and whipped in euery behalfe, lyke as is aboue
appoynted for stronge beggers. And that to be
done and executed by suche as be aboue lymyt-
ted, to do the same vpon stronge beggers, and
in suche wyse and vpon suche payne as is afore
lymitted, for none execution of the punishment
of stronge beggers.

¶ Provided alwaye, that it be lefull to euery
person and persones, beyng bounden by rea-
son of any foundation or ordynance to geue or
distribute any money in almes, and also to eue-
ry person and persons at common dooles, vntill

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at burialles, or obytes, to geue and dyspose in almes any money to euery person and persons, commynge to suche almes or dooles, after lyke maner and fourme, as they haue be accustomed to do in that behalfe, afoze the makynge of this acte, without any daunger or penaltie of this estatute, any thyng conteyned in this presente estatute to the contrarie hereof not withstandynge.

CProvyded also that it be lesfull to all masters and gouernours of hospytals to lodge and herborough any persone or persones, of charitie or almes, acco:dyng to the foundatyon of suche hospytalles, and to geue money in almes, in as large maner and fourme, as they are bounden or owen to doo, any thyng in this estatute to the contrarie hereof not withstandynge. And this acte to endure vnto the last day of the next parlyament.

Anno. 23. Edwardi. 3. cap. 7.

¶ I T E M bycause many valyaunt beggers, as longe as they maye lyue of beggynge, do refuse to labour, geuyng them selfe to ydelnesse and vyce, and somtyme to thefte and other abhominations: none, vpon peyne of imprisonmente shall, vnder the colour of pitie or almes, geue any thyng to suche, whiche may labour, or presume to fauour them towardees theyr desoyes: so that therby they may be compelled to labour for theyr necessarye lyuynge.

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Anno. 23. Henrici. 8. cap. 5.

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THE KYNGE our soueraigne lord, by delibérate aduise and assente of his lordes spiritual and tempozal, and also his lounge commons in this presente parlyament assembled, ordeyned establisshed and enacted, that commissions of Sewers, and other the p[re]misses, shal be directed in al partes with in this realme from tyme to tyme, where and whan nede shal require, accordynge to the maner fourme tenour and effect hereafter ensuing, to suche substantiall and indifferent personnes, as shal be named by the lord Chaunceller and lord Tresourer of Englande, and the.ii. chiefe Justices for the tyme beyng, or by.iii. of them, wherof the lord Chauncellour to be one.

Henry the. viii. re. Knowe ye, that for as muche as the wals diches bankes guttures sewers gotes calces byddges streynes and other defences, by the costes of the see, and marke ground, beyng and lyenge within the lymittes of A. B. or C. in the countie or counties of or in the borders or confines of the same by rage of the see, flowynge and reflowynge, and by meane of the trenches of frethe waters, dyscendynge and hauynge course by dyuers wayes to the see, be so dirupte lacerate and broken, And also the common passages of wyppes ballengers and botes, in the ryuers streames & other fluddes within the lymittes of A. B. or C. in the countie or counties of or in the borders or confynes of the same, by meane of see

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of settinge up, erectynge, and makynge of stremes, mylles bydges poudes fymegarthes milledammes lockes hebbynge weres, heches and fludgates, or other lyke lettes impedimentes or annoyances, be letted and interrupted, soo that great and inestimable damage, for defaulte of reparation of the sayde walles dyches banks fences sewers gootes gutters calceys bydges and streames, And also by meane of settinge up, erectynge makynge and enlargynge of the sayd fymegarthes, milledammes lockes hebbynge weres, heches fludgates, and other lyke annoyances in tymes past, have happened, and yet is to be feared, that farre greater hurt losse and damage is lyke to ensue, onlesse that speedy remedie be poulded in that behalfe: we therfore for that by reason of our dygnitie and prerogative roiall, we be bounde to prouide for the safetie and preservation of our realme of England, wyllynge that speedy remedie be had in the premisses, have assigned you and. vi. of you, of the whiche we woll that J. B. and L. shal be three, to be our Justices, to surueye the sayde walles stremes dyches banks gutters sewers gootes calceys bydges trenches mylles milledammes fludgates poudes lockes hebbynge weres, and other impedimentes lettes and annoyances, afore sayde, and the same cause to be made corrected repayred amended putte downe or reformed, as case shall require, after your wyse domes and discretions, And therein as well to ordeyne and do after the fourme tenour and effecte of all and synghuler the estatutes and ordinaunces made before the fyfte day of Marche,

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the. xiii. yere of our reygne, touchynge the p^{re}em^{is}ses o^r any of them, as also to inquire by the o^rthes of the honeste and laufull men of the sayd My^{re} o^r My^{res}, place o^r places, where suche defaultes o^r anoyssaunces be, as wel within the liberties as without (by whome the trouthe may the rather be knowen) throughe whose defaulte the sayde hurtes and damages haue happened, and who hath o^r holdeth any landes o^r tenementes, o^r common of pasture, o^r profyte of f^{is}hing, o^r hath o^r may haue any hurt losse o^r dysaduauntage, by any maner of meanes in the sayde places, as wel nere to the sayd daungers lettes and impedymentes, as inhabytynge o^r dwellynge there aboutes by the sayde walles, dyches bankes gutters gotes sewers trenches, and other the sayde impedimentes and anoyssaunces. And all those persones and euery of them to take assesse charge discreyne and punyshe as well with in the metes, t^{er}myttes, and boundes of old time accustomed o^r otherwise, as elles wheres within our realme of Englande, after the quantite of their landes tenementes and rentes by the nombre of acres and perches, after the rate of euery persons portion t^{er}noure o^r profyte, o^r after the quantite of their common of pasture o^r profyte of f^{is}hyng o^r other commodities there by suche wayes and meanes, and in suche maner and fourme, as to you o^r. vi. of you, wherof the sayde B. B. and C. to be thre, shall seme moste conuenient to be ordeyned and done for redresse and reformation to be had in the p^{re}misses: And also to refourme repayre and amende the sayde wals dyches bankes gutters sewers gotes cal-

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rees byddges streames and other the premysse,
in all places nedefull: and the same as often and
where nede shall be to make newe, and to cense
and purge the trenches sewers and dyches in all
places necessarie, and further to reforme as
mende prostrate and overthrowe all suche myls
streames poundes lockes sylthegarthes hebbing
weres and other impedimentes and annoyances
afoze sayd, as shall be founde by inquisition
or by your surueyenge and discretions to be ex
cessiue or hurtefull. And also to depute and as
signe diligent faithfull and trewe keepers bay
lyffes surueyours collectours expenditours and
other ministers and officers, for the sauetie con
seruation reparation reformation and makinge
of the premysse and euery of them, and to here
the accompte of the collectours and other in
mysters of and for the receyte and leyenge out of
the money that shall be leuyed and payde in and
about the makinge reparyng reforming and
amendynge of the sayde walles dyches bankes
gutters gotes sewers calceps byddges streames
trenches mylnes poundes lockes sylthegarthes
fludgates and other impedimentes and annoy
saunces afoze sayde. And to dystreyn for the
arrearages of euerye suche collection rate or as
lesse, as often as shall be expedient, or otherwise
to punyshe the dettours and deteyners of the
same, by fynes amerciaimentes peynes or other
lyke meanes after your good discretions. And
also to arrest & take as many carres horses oxen
beastes and other instrumentes necessary, and
as many workemenne and labourers, as for the
sayde workes and reparation shall suffice, paye

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enge for the same competent wages salarie and
shpende in that behalfe: And also take such and
as many trees woddes vnderwoddes and tymber
and other necessaries, as for the same wor-
kes and reparations shall be sufficient at a rea-
sonable price, by you or syre of you, of the whiche
we wyl that J. B. and C. shal be thre, to be
assessed or lympytted, as wel within the lympittes
and boundes aforesayde, as in any other place
within the sayde countie or counties nere vnto
the sayde places, And to make and ordeyne sta-
tutes ordinaunces and pꝛouisions from time to
tyme, as the case shall require for the sauegarde
conservation redress correction and reformati-
on of the pꝛemysse, and of euery of them, and
the parties lyenge to the same, necessary and be-
houeful after the lawes and customes of Roma-
ney marke, in the countie of Kent, or otherwise
by any waies or meanes after your owne wises
domes and dyscretions. And to here and deter-
myne all and syngular the pꝛemysse, as well at
our syte, as at the suite of any other what so e-
uer complaynyng before you, or syre of you:
wherof J. B. and C. shal be thre, after the lawes
and customes aforesayde, or otherwys by any
other ways and meanes after your discretions.
And also to make and directe all wyrties pꝛe-
ceptes warrantes or other commandmentes, by
vertue of these presentes, to al sherriffes baylies,
and all other mynysters offycers and other per-
sones, as well within lyberties as without, be-
fore you or syre of you, wherof the sayde J. B.
and C. to be thre, at certayne days tymes and
places to be pꝛescribed, to be returned and recey-
ued.

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And further to continue the proces of the same, and fynally to do all and euery thyng and chynges, as shall be requisite for the due execution of the premysse, by all wayes and meanes after your dyscretions. And therfore we commaunde you, that at certeine dayes and places, whan and where ye or syre of you, wherof the sayde J. B. and C. to be thre, shall thynke expedient, ye do suruey the saide walles fences ditches bankes gutters gotes sewers calceis ponds bridges ryuers streames water courses milnes lockes trenches fithgarthes fludgates, and other the lettes impedimentes and anoyssaunces afore sayde, and accomplyshe fulfyl here and desermyne all and spngular the premysse in due fourme, and to theeffecte afore sayde, after your good discretions: And all suche as ye shall fynde negligent garyncayinge or rebellynge in the sayd workes reparations or reformatyon of the premysse, or negligent in the due execution of this our Commission, that ye do compel them by distresse fines and amerciamentes, or by other punishmentes wayes or meanes, whiche to you or syre of you, wherof the sayd J. B. and C. shall be thre, shall seme moste expedient for the speedy remedy redressse and reformatyon of the premysse, and due execution of the same. And all suche thynges as by you shall be made and ordeyned in this behalfe, as well within lyberties as without, that ye do cause the same firmly to be obserued, doyng therin as to our Justices apperteineth, after the lawes and statutes of this our realme, and accordyng to your wysdomes & discretions. Dated always to vs suche dayes

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and amerciamentes as to vs therof shal belonge
And we also commaund our Sheriffe or Sheriffes
of our sayd countie or counties of
that they shal cause to come before you, or syre
of you, of the whiche J. B. and C. shal be thre,
at suche dayes and places, as ye shal appoynte
to them, suche and as many honest men of his or
they; baylywicke, as well within the lyberties
as without, by whom the trouthe maye beste be
knownen, to inquire of the p[re]misses. Comman-
dunge also all other mynisters and offyters, as
well within lybertie as without, that they and
euerie of them shal be attendaunt to you, in and
aboute the due execution of this your commissi-
on. In wptnesse wherof we haue caused these
our letters patentes to be made. wptnesse our
selfe at westm the day of in the
yere of our regne.

¶ And it is also enacted, that euerye suche pers-
one as shal be named Commissioner in the said
Commyssion, after he hath knowledg therof,
shal effectually put his diligence and attendance
in and aboute the execution of the sayde Com-
mission. And before he shal take vpon hym the
execution of the sayde commission, he shal take
a corporall othe before the lord Chauncellour,
or before suche, to whom the sayde lord Chaun-
cellour shal directe the hynge wytte of *Debi-*
mus potestatem, to take the same, or before the
Iustices of the peace in the quarter sessions hold-
den in the shyre, where suche commission shal be
directed: the tenour of whiche othe hereafter
ensueth.

¶ Ye shal sweare, that you to your counnyng
wytte

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Wytte and power, shall trewely and indifferently execute the auctorytie to you pouen by this Commission of Sewers, without any fauour affection corruption drede or malyce to be borne to any maner persone or personnes: And as the case shall require, ye shall content and endeouour your selfe for your parte, to the beste of your knowledge and power, to the makinge of such holosome iuste equall and indifferente lawes and ordynaunces, as shall be made and dreyed by the most discrete and indifferent nombze of your felowes, beinge in commission with you, for the bette redresse reformation and amendement of all and euery suche thynges, as are conteyned & specified in the sayd Commission: And the same lawes and ordynaunces, to your cunnyng witte and power, cause to be putte in due execution, without fauour inede drede malice or affection, as god you helpe and all sayntes.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctorytie afoze sayde, that all and euery estatute acte and ordynance heretofore made concerning the premys ses or any of them, as wel in the tyme of our soverayne lord the kynge that now is, as in the tyme of any of his progenytours kinges of this realme of England, not beyng contrary to this present acte, nor heretofore repelled, from hence forth shall stande and be good and effectuell for ever, and to be put in due execution accordynge to the true meaning and purpoytes of the same.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted, that the commissioners hereafter to be named in any of the said Commissions accordynge to the purpoyte and effecte of the same commissions, haue ful power

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and auetorytie to make constitute and ordeyne lawes ordinaunces and decrees, and further to do all and euery thyng mencioned in the sayde commission, accordyng to the purpoise effecte wordes and true meanyng of the same. And the same lawes and ordinaunces so made, to refoyme repelle and amende, and make newe from tyme to tyme, as the cases necessarys shall require in that behalfe.

Prouyded alwaye and it is enacted, that if any person or persones, beyng assessed or taxed to any lot or charge for any landes tenementes or hereditamentes within the lympites of any commission hereafter to be directed, do not pay the sayde lotte and charge, accordyng to the ordinaunce and assignement of the Commissioners, hauing power of the execution of the said commission. By reason wherof it shall happen the sayde Commissioners, hauing power of execution of suche commission, for lacke of payement of suche lotte and charge to decree and ordeine the same landes tenementes and hereditamentes from the owner or owners thereof and thei heres and the heres of euery of them, to any person or persons for terme of yeres terme of lyfe in fee simple or in taylor, for payement of the same lotte and charge, that then euery suche decree and ordinaunce, so by them made, ingrossed in parchemente, and certyfied vnder thei seales into the kinges court of Chauncery, with the kinges royall assente had to the same, shall bynde all and euery person and persones, that at the makinge of the same decree had any interest in suche landes tenementes or hereditamentes

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In vse possession reuertyon or remayndre, theyr heries and scoffes and eueri of them And not to be in any wyse reformed, onelesse it be by auctoritie of parliament hereafter to be somoned and holden within this realme.

¶ And also it is prouyded by auctorytie aforesaide, that the same lawes ordinaunces and decrees to be made and ordeyned by the sayd commissioners or syxe of them, by auctorytie of the sayde commission, shal bynde as wel the lordes tenementes and hereditamentes of the king our souerayne lord, as all and euery other persone and personnes, and theyr heires for suche theyr interest as they shal fortune to haue or maye haue in any landes, tenementes, or heredytamentes, or other casual profyte, aduantage, or commodite, what soo euer they be, wherevnto the sayd lawes ordinaunces and decrees shal in any wyse extende, accordyng to the trewe purport meanynge and intent of the same lawes.

¶ And it is furthymore by the auctoritie aforesayde establisshed and enacted: that if any manner of persone or persones, of what estate or degree so euer he or they be of, that from henceforth both take vpon hym or them to svt by vertue of any the sayde commissions, not beynge before sworne in fourme as is aforesayde, and accordyng to the tenour of the othe aforespecified: Or if any persone so named and sworne do sitte as is aforesayde, not baupnge landes and tenementes or other heredytamentes in fee simple, fee tayle, or for terme of lyfe, to the clere yearly value of. xl. markes, aboue all charges to his owne vse, excepte he be resiant and free of any

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either borough or towne corporate, and have movable substance of the cleere value of one hundred poundis, or els be lerned in the lawes of this realme, in and concerning the same, that is to say, admittid in one of the foure principal Innes of courte, for an vicer barrestre, shall forsaþe .xl. poundes for euerye tyme that he shall attempte so to doo: The one halfe therof to be to our soveraygne lord the kyng, and the other halfe therof to the vse of hym or theym that wyll sue therfore, by action of dette byl playnte or information in any of the kynges courtes: in whiche action or suite, no wager of lawe shall be admitted, nor any esoyne or protection shall be allowed. And if any action of trespass or other sute shall happen to be attempted agaynst any person or persones for takinge of any dystresse or any other acte doyng, by auctoritie of the sayd commission, or by auctoritie of any lawes or ordinances made by vertue of the sayde commission, the defendante or defendantes in any such action shall and maye make anowye consaunce or iustificacion, for the takinge of the same dystresse, or other acte doyng, to achynge the premisses or any of them, allegynge in such anowye consaunce or iustificacion, that the sayd dystresse, trespass, or other acte, wherof the plermyt compleyneth, was done by auctorite of the commission of Sewers, for losse or tate asselled by the sayde commission, or for suche other acte or cause, as the sayde defendante dyd by auctoritie of the sayde Commission, and accordynge to the tenour purpore and effecte of this presente acte, made the .xiii. yere of the regne of our soveraygne

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Herwynne lordes kynge Henry the. viii. without
any expresseynge or rehersall of any other matter
or circumstance conteyned in this presente acte,
or any commission lawes estatutes or ordenaun-
ces therupon to be made, wherupon the pleyn-
tife shall be admytted to reple, that the defens-
dant did take the sayd distresse, or do any other
acte or trespass, supposed in his declaration of
his owne wronge without any suche cause alle-
ged, by the sayd defendant, wherupon the issue
in every suche action shall be ioyned to be tryed
by verdict of. xii. men, and not otherwys, as
is accustomed in other personall actions. And
upon the tryall of that issue, the hole matter to
be gyven on bothe partyes in eurdence, accord-
yng to the very trouthe of the same. And after
suche issue tryed for the defendant, or nonsute of
the pleintife after apparaunce, the same defen-
dant to recouer treble damages by reason of his
wrongefull veration in that behalfe, with his
costes also in that parte sustained, and that to be
assessed by the same Jurie, or wyttie to enquire
of damages, as the cause shall require.

¶ And it is also enacted, that every of the sayd
commissioners shall haue and percypue. iiii. shil-
lynges for every daye that they shall take perne
in the execution of this commission of Sewers,
And one clerke by them to be assigned. ii. s. for
every day, of the rates taxes lottes and waines
that shall be assessed or losse, by auctoritie of the
sayde Commission, and to be leuyed and payde
by theyr discretions. And that the sayd commis-
sioners, or syxe of them, shall haue power and
auctoritie to limyt and assigne of the same rates
taxes

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shares lottes and waynes by theyr discretions, suche reasonable sommes of money to the sayde clerke for wytyng of booke and proces concerninge the p[re]misses, and to the collectours expensytours and suche other as Mall take payne in the due execution of the sayde commission, as by the discretions of the sayde commissioners, or vi. of them Mall be thought reasonable.

¶ Provided alway, that whan so euer and as often as such Commission, as is afore limited, Mall be made and directed to any person or persones for the reformation and amendemente, of or in any of the p[re]misses specified in the sayde commission, within the fees liberties or possession of the Duchye of Lancastre: that then suche commissioners, as Mall execute any suche Commission, Mal be alwayes named and appoynted by the discretion of the lorde Chauncellour and lorde Treasorer of Englande, and the sayd two chiefe Justices of eyther benche, and the Chauncellour of the sayd duchie, for the tyme beyng, or. iiii. of them, wherof the sayd lorde Chauncellour, and the Chancellour of the duchie to be two. And that in euerpe suche case, two Commissions Mall be awarded and made, according to the tenour of the Commission aboue expressed, one therof vnder the gret seale of England, and the other vnder the seale of the same duchy, as before tyme hath ben accustomed, any thinge afore rehearsed in this present acte to the contrary hereof notwithstandinge.

¶ And it is further enacted, that the sayd commission from tyme to tyme, as the case Mall require, Mall be had and opteyned, wthout any money

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money or other charge, to be payde for the seals or writynge of the same, onelesse it be to the kyng. ii. s. vi. d. for the seal of every Commission, as hath be accustomed: And for the writynge and enrolling of any one Commission. v. s. and not above.

And it is further enacted, that every commission to be made by auctoritie of this act, shall endure and contynue for the terme of thre yerres nexte after the Teste of the Commission. Resuer the lesse after any commission made and deliuered out of the kynges Courte of Chancery, the kynges hyghnes shall alwayes at his pleasure by his writte of Supersedias, oute of his sayd courte of Chancery, at any tyme discharge as wel every such commission as every commissioner, that shall be made or named by auctoritie of this acte. After whiche discharge the sayd commissioners shall haue no power, nor auctoritie to procede in the execution of thei commission, nor in any thyng by auctoritie of this act.

Provided alwaies that suche lawes actes decrees and ordynances as shall happen to be made by the sayde commissioners, according to the tenour of thei commission, or by auctoritie of this acte, shall stande good and effectuell, & be put in due execution, so long tyme as thei commission endureth, and no longer: Except the sayd lawes and ordynances be made and ingrossed in parchment, and certified vnder the scales of the sayde commissioners, in to the kynges courte of Chancery, and that the kynges royall assente be had to the same: any thyng conteyned in this present acte to the contrarye hereof not withstandinge.

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Provided also, that when so ever and as often as such commission as is afore limited, shall be made and directed to any persone or persons for the reformation and amendement of or in any of the premisses specified in the sayd commission, within the fees liberties and possessions of the principaitye of Wales, the countie palatine of Chester, or within the fees liberties and possessions of any other place, where there is libertie and iurisdiction of countie palatine, that in every suche case two commissions shall be awarded and made, accordynge to the tenour of the commission aboue expressed, one therof vnder the greatte scale of Englande, and the other vnder the vsuall scale of the countie palatine in maner and forme as is aboue prouided for the duchie of Lancaster, any thyng afore rehearsed in this present act to the contrary not withstandinge.

And it is provided and also enacted, that the royall assente lymitted to be had vnto the lawes and ordinaunces, to be made by the sayde commissioners, as is aboue sayde, shall be certified into the sayde court of Chauncerie, vnder the kynges pryncie scale: And that there shall not any somme of moneye be payde for the same pryncie scale, but for the wytyng of the same Certificate vnder the sayde pryncie scale shall be payde to the wyter therof .ii. s. and not aboue, nor no other nor greater somme for any thyng touching or concerning the same Certificate, vnder the same pryncie scale.

Provided alwayes, that the Chauncellours and suche other as shall have the custody of the
scales

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seales of the sayde pyncepalitie of wales, or the counte palantine of Chester, or within the fees liberties & possessions of any other place, where there is libertie and iurisdiction of countie palantine vpon reasonable requeste, and vpon the syght of the commission vnder the kynges great seale of his Chancery, shal without delay make out an other commission vnder the seale of the sayde countie palantine, accor dyng to the tenor of the kynges commission to theym shewed vnder his great seale. And to those commissioners as shal be named by the lord Chauncellour, lord Tresourer, and the two chiefe Justices, or by tree of them, wherof the lord Chauncellour to be one, except it be within the fees and liberties of the duchie of Lancaster, within whiche fees and liberties the commissioners shal be named and commissions made, as is afore ordeyned by this acte, any thyng conteyned in the sayde act, or in any prouiso therunto added and annexed, to the contrarie thereof not withstandinge. This acte to endure for .xx. yeres.

Anno. 24. Henrici. 8. cap. 13.

VHERE BEFORE this tyme by Reformation of ex-
uers lawes, ordynaunces, and statutes
haue ben with great delyberation and excesse in ap-
pyse, prouided establisshed and dryssed for the parcell
necessary repressyng, auoydyng, and expelling
of the inordinate excesse, dayly more and more
vssed in the sumptuous and costly array and ap-
parel, accustomedly woene in this realme: wher
of hath ensued and dayly do chaunce suche sons
drye,

in apparell.

bye, bygh, and notable inconueniencies, as be to
the great, manifest, and notoryous Detrimente
of the common weale, the subuersion of good
and polittike order in knowelege and bystincti-
on of people, accordyng to theyr estates, pree-
minences, bygnities, and degrees, and to the
vtter enpoueryshmente and vndorng of many
merperts and lichte personnes, inclyned to
pyrde, mother of all byces: whiche good lawes
not with standyng, the oultragious excels
therin is rather frome tyme to tyme increased,
thanne dymynished, eyther by occasyon of the
peruerse and frowarde maners and vlage of
people, or for that errours and abuses ones ro-
ted and taken into longe custome, be not facyle
ly and at ones without some moderation for a
tyme relinqwyshed and reformed. In consyde-
ration wherof, and for a reasonable order and
remedy like to be obserued, performed, and cons-
tinually kepte, It is by the kynges highnes, the
lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons
in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by
auctoritie of the same, enacted, establyshed, and
ordeyned, in maner and fourme folowynge.

Ifyrste that no persone or persones, of what
estate, bygnitie, degre, or condition so ever they
be, from the feast of the Purification of oure
ladye, whiche shall be in the yere of oure lord,
M. D. X X X I I I. vse or weare in any maner
theyr apparayle, or vpon theyr horse, mule, or
other beaste, any silke of the colour of purple,
ne any clothe of golde, of tylue, but onelye the
kyng, the queene, the kynges mother, the kin-
ges chyldren, the kynges byetherne, and sisters.

and

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and the kynges vnclcs and auncles : except that it shall be lefull to all dukes and marquyes to weare and vse in theyr doublettes and sleueles cotes, clothe of gold of tisseue, and in none other theyr garmentes, So that the same to be worne by suche dukes and marquyes, excede not the pryce of. v. li. the yerde. Prouyded that this worde purpure extend not to any mantel of the order of the Garter.

C A N D that no man, vnder the state of an erle, from the same feast, vse or weare in his apparell of his body, or vpon his horse, mule, or other beaste, or harneys of the same beaste, any clothe of golde or syluer, or of tynseld saten, or any other sylke or clothe myxed or embowdred with golde or syluer, nor also any furies of Hables : excepte that it shall be lefull for vicontes, the pryour of sayncte Johns Hierusalem, with in this realme, and barons, to weare in theyr doublettes or sleueles cotes, clothe of golde syluer or tynsell.

C A L S O it is enacted, that noo man, vnder the astate of a duke, marquye, erle, and theyr chyldren, or vnder the degrec of a baron, ones he be a knyght, that is companion of the Garter, from the sayde feast, weare in any part of his apparell any wollen clothe, made out of this realme of Englande, Irlandc, wales, Calys, Berwyke, or the marches of the same, excepte in bonettes onely : He also weare in any maner apparayle of his bodye, or on his horse, mule, or other beaste, or harneyes of the same beaste, any veluet of the colours of crymesen, scarlet, or blew, ne any furies of blacke Jcnets

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tes oꝝ luſerns, ne any maner embrowdery. And that no man, oneleſſe he be a knyghte, after the ſayde fraſte, weare any coler of golde named a coler of **D**. And that no man, vnder the degre of a barons ſonne, oꝝ of a knyght, except he may expende yereleſſe in landes oꝝ tenementes, rentes, fees oꝝ annuities to his owne uſe, foꝝ terme of his lyfe, oꝝ foꝝ terme of an other mannes lyfe, oꝝ in the ryght of his wyfe, two hundred pounds ouer all charges, ſhall after the ſayde fraſt, uſe oꝝ weare any cheyne of gold, bracelet, ouche, oꝝ other ornament of golde, in any parte of his oꝝ theyꝝ apparel, oꝝ the apparayle of his oꝝ their hoꝛſe, mule, oꝝ other beaſte: excepte euery ſuche cheyn, Jewell, ouche, oꝝ ornament, be in weyght one vnce of fyne golde, oꝝ aboue, and excepte rynges of golde to be woꝛne on theyꝝ fyngers, with ſtones oꝝ without. He alſo ſhall weare any maner of veluet in theyꝝ gownes, cotes with ſleues, oꝝ other vttermoſte garmentes, noꝝ any furred of lybardes, noꝝ alſo ſhall weare any manner embroudrye, pyrchynge oꝝ pyntynge with golde, ſyluer, oꝝ ſylke in any parte of theyꝝ apparaylle, oꝝ on theyꝝ hoꝛſes, mules, oꝝ other beaſtes.

A N D that no man, vnder the ſayde aſtautes and degrees, other than ſuche as maye dyſpende in landes oꝝ tenementes, rentes, fees, oꝝ annuities, as is afore ſayde, a hundred poundes by yere, ouer all charges, ſhall after the ſayde fraſte, weare any ſaten, damaske, ſylke chaſmlet, oꝝ taſſata in his gowne, cote with ſleues, oꝝ other vttermoſte apparayle oꝝ garment, noꝝ any manner of veluet, other wyſe thanne in ſleueleſſe iackets,

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sackettes, doublettes, cotes, partiettes, or
purses: Nor also shall weare any furre, wher
of the lyke kynde groweth not within this re-
alme of England, Irelande, wales, Calis, Ber-
wyke, or the marches of the same: excepte foy-
nes, genettes, called Graye genetis, and Bogn.

AN D that no man vnder the sayde degrees,
other than the sonne and heire apparaunte of a
knyghte, or the sonne and heire apparante of a
manne of thre hundred markes by yere, ouer all
charges, and suche other men as maye dispende
in landes and tenementes, rentes, fees, annui-
ties, or other perely profyttes, as is afore sayde
gl. ii. by yere, ouer all charges, from the sayde
feast, weare in theyr gownes, or any other their
bittermoste apparayle, any chamlet, or sylke, ne
also weare in any other parte of theyr apparell,
any sylke, other than satin, damaske, taffata,
or sarcenet in theyr doublettes, and sercennette,
chamlet, or taffata in lynyng of theyr gownes,
and the same, or veluet in theyr sleueles cotes,
sackettes, ischens, cotes, cappes, purses, or
partiettes, the colours of skarlette, crymysen,
and blew alwayes except. Nor shall weare a-
ny furre of foynes or genettes, called Graye ge-
nettes, nor any other furies, wherof the lyke
kynde is not growen within this realme of En-
glande, Irelande, wales, Calis, Berwyke, or
the marches of the same, excepte before excepte.
Nor shall weare any maner aglettes, bottoms,
broches of golde or syluer gylte, or counterfeyte
gilt, or made with any other diuise of any weighe
Nor shall weare any cheyne of golde, of lesse
weyghte and value than tenne vnces of Troy
weyghte

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weighte of fyne golde.

AN D that no man vnder the sayd degrees, other than suche gentylman as maye dispende in landes, or tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities, as is aforesayde .xx. poundes by yere ouer all charges, frome and after the sayde feast, weare any maner of sylke, in any apparayle of his body, or of his horse, mule, or other beast, except it be satten, taffata, sarcenet or damaske in his doublet or copen, and chamblet in his sleueles iackettes, and a lace of sylke for his bonet, or poyntes, laces, gyrdels or garters made or wrought in Englande or wales: nor shall weare any fures of blacke conye or Bogy.

AN D that no man vnder the sayd degrees, other than suche as may dispende in landes and tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities, as is aforesayd, fyue poundes by yere ouer all charges, from and after the sayde feast, weare any maner of cloth of the colour of scarlet, crymosen, or violet engrayned, nor any sylke in their doublettes or iackettes, nor any other clothe in any garmets aboue the pryce of fyve shyllynges. viii. pens, the brode yarde, nor any other thyng made oute of this realme, except chamblet in their doublettes and iackettes.

AN D that no seruyng man, nor other poore man, takynge wages, or suche other as he maye not dispende of frehold forty shyllynges by yere, after the sayde feast shall weare any clothe in his hoses, aboue the pryce of two shyllynges the yarde: And that none of their hoses be garded or myxed with any other thyng, that maye be sene on or throughe the better part of their hoses, but
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With the selfe same cloth only: no: in his gowne; cote, or iackette, or other garnement any cloth about the pyce of thre shyllinges foure pence the brode yarde, except it be his maysters livery, no: any maner furre, excepte cony, called grey cony, blacke lambe or whyte lambe of Englyshe, walche, or Fryshe growynge: No: shall weare any mytt or mytt bande, vnder or vpper cappe, coyfe, bonet, or hat, garnysched, myrte, made or wrought with sylke, golde, or syluer: No: shall weare any bonet or mytt bade, made or wrought out of this realme of Englande, or wales, Nevertheless it shall be lesfull for hym to weare a sylke ribande for his bonet, and also the cognysaunce or badge of his lorde or mayster, and a horne typped or flued with syluer gilt or vngilt: And also they and all other persons to weare on their bonettes all suche games of syluer gylte or vngilt, as they or any of them maye wyne by wrestlynge, shotynge, rennyng, leapyng, or casting of the barre, and also maisters of the ships or other vessayles, and maryners, to weare whyssels of syluer, with the cheyne of siluer to hange the same vppon, any former clause in this acte heretofore mentioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ A N D that noo husebonde man, from the sayde feast, weare in his hoes any cloth about the pyce of the yarde. ii. shyllinges, or any cloth in his gowne about the pyce of. iiii. s. the brode yarde, or in his iackette or cote, about the pyce of. ii. s. viii. pence the brode yarde, No: in his doublet any other thinge than is wrought with in this realme, fustian and canuas only excepted,

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ted, nor any maner of furre in any his apparell.
A N D that no seruyng man in husebands
dry, or iourney man in handye craftes, takynge
wages, after and frome the feaste afoze sayde,
weare in his holis any clothe aboue the pryce of
xvi. s. the parde, nor Mal weare any clothe in his
gowne, iackette, or cote, aboue the pryce of. ii. s.
viii. d. the byode parde, nor in his doublette any
other thynge than fustian, canuas, or lether, or
wollen clothe, nor any maner of furre in any of
his apparayle.

P R O V I D E D alwayes, that all suche
officers and seruauntes, waitynge or attending
vpon the kynge, the Queene, the prynce or prync
ces, dayelye, yerely or quarterly in theyr house
holdes, or beinge in theyr Eschequire rolle, as
shall be admytted, assigned, and lycenced by
his grace, to vse or weare any maner apparayle
on theyr bodies, horses, mules, or other beastes,
other wyse than is afoze expessed, shall mowe
laufully do the same, acco:dyng to the lycence,
which shall be gyuen vnto them in that behalfe.
The same lycence to be declared in wytyng by
the kynges hyghnes, or the lorde Stewarde of
his mooste honourable householde, or the lorde
Chamberlayne, knowynge the kynges mooste
gracious pleasure in the same.

P R O V I D E D also, that the byecham
berlayne, Stewarde, Treasorer, and Comp
troller of the frenche queenes honourable hous
holde, and euery of theym for the tyme beinge,
after and from the sayde feaste, maye weare in
theyr gownes, cotes, iackettes, doublettes, and
other theyr apparayle, veluet, satin, and das
maske,

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maske, beinge of the colours of blacke, tawny, or russet, and also cheynes and broches of gold, of suche value as they wol at theyr lybertie, this present acte, or any thyng therin mencioned to the contrary not withstandynge.

PROVIDED also, that the lord Chancellor, and the lord Treasurer of Englande, the presidents of the kynges counsaile, and the lord priuie seale, for the tyme beyng, of what estate or degree soo euer they be, besydes those romes, maye weare in theyr apparayle, veluet, satin, and other sylkes of any colours, excepte purple, and any maner furies, excepte blacke genetres, any thyngs in this acte mencioned to the contrary not withstandynge.

BE IT further enacted, that after the sayd feast, none of the clergie, vnder the dignitie of a byshoppe, abbotte, or priour, beinge a lord of the parlyamēt, weare in any parte of his or their apparell of their bodyes or on their horses, any maner of stuffe, wrought or made out of this realme of Englande, Irelande, wales, Laleys, Berwyke, or the marches of the same, excepte that it shall be lesfull to all archdeacons, deanes, prouostes, maysters, and wardens of cathedrall and collegiate churches, prebendaries, doctours or bachelers in diuinitie, doctours of the one law or the other, and also doctours of other sciences, which haue taken that degre, or be admytted in any vniuersytie, to weare sarcenet in the lynnyng of their gownes, blacke satin, or blacke chamlet in their doublettes and cleueles cotes, and black veluet or blacke sarcenet, or blacke satin, in their tippettes, and rydinge hodes or girdels, and als

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To clothe of the colours of skarlet, murey, or vblet, and fures called graye, blacke boge, fopnes, Mankes, or meneuer in their gownes and sleues les cotes, any thinge before mentioned to the contrary notwithstandinge. And that none of the clergie, vnder the degrees afoze sayd, weare any maner of fures, other than blacke cony, bogy, graye cony, Mankes, calaber graye, fycher, foxe, lambe, otter, and beuer. And that none of the clergie, vnder the degrees afozesayde, other than maysters of arte, and bachelers of the one lawe or the other, admitted in any vniuersitie, or such other of the sayde clergie as maye dispend yearly. xx.li. ouer all charges, shall weare in their typpettes any maner of laccenet or other sylke.

PROVIDED also, that this acte, or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not extende nor be hurtfull or prejudicial to any of the kynges moste honourable counsell, ne to Justices of the one benche or the other, the barons of the kynges Eschequere, the mayster of the rolles, seriantes at lawe, the maysters of the Chancery, ne to any of the counsaile of the Queene, prynce or prynces, appynted of the lawe, the kynges, the quenes, the pryncis, and the pryncesses phisitions, mayres, recorders, aldermen, Myrissers, baylyffes electe, and all other heed officers, of cities, townes, and boroughes corporate, wardens of occupatyon, the barons of the fyue portes, that is to saye, to all the sayde officers and persones, that now be, or heretofore haue ben in lyke roome, place, offyce, or auctoritie, or hereafter for the tyme shalbe, as well in the tyme as after that they haue benne in any
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Suche place, office, come, or auctoritie, but that they shal moue at all tymes were, after the said feast, all such apparayle in and vpon theyr bodies, horses, mules, and other beastes, and also citizens, and burgeses, shall moue weare suche hoodes of clothe, and of suche colours, as they haue heretofore vsed to weare: any thyng in this acte mencioned to the contrary not withstanding: excepte that it shall not be lefull to any of them to weare veluet, damaske, or satin of the colours of crimpsen, violet, purple, or blew, otherwyle than by the continue of this acte, in any of the clauses before mencioned, is by reason of theyr landes or otherwyle permitted, lymitted, or assigned.

TH E also this acte or any thing therein mencioned, shall extende to ambassadours, or other personages sent frome outwarde princes, or to noble men, or other comynge into the kynges realme, or other part of his obeyssaunce, to visyte or salute his grace, or to se the countray, and not impnded to make longe or contynuall demurre in the same, ne to any henchman, heralde, or pursuauant at armes, mynstrels, player in enterludes, syghtes, reuels, iustes, tourneys, barriers, solempne watches, or other marciall feates or disguyfynge, or to men of warre, beyng in the kynges wages of warre: nor to any man for wearyng any apparayle, gyue vnto hym by the kynges hyghenes, the quene, the frenche quene, the prynce, or princesse, ne to any sword bearer of the cytie of London, or of any citie borowe or towne corporate. He also shall extende to any vtter bearer of any of the ynnys of courte for wearyng
in any

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On any of his apparell suche sylke and furre, as is before lymitted for men that maye dispende in landes, tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities for terme of lyfe. xx. li. ouer all charges: Nor to any other student of the innes of court or Chancery, or to any gentyll man, beinge seruaunte to any lord, knyght, squier, or gentylman of this realme, whose mayster maye dispende. xl. li. ouer all charges, for wearynge by such student or gentylman, beinge seruaunt, of doublettes, and partiettes of casten, damaske, or chamblet, or iackettes of chamblet: which doublettes, partiettes, or iackettes be gyuen vnto theym by any of their parentes, maysters, or kynsefolkes, so alwayes they be not of the colours of crimosen, purple, scarlet, or blewe: or for wearynge of any furies, whereof the lyke groweth within this realme, wales, or Irelande, marternes, and blacke cony excepte.

¶ IT IS also further enacted, that if any man vse or weare, at any tyme after the sayde feast, any apparayle, or other the premysles, contrary to the tenour and fourme aforesayde: than he soo offendynge, shall forsaite the same apparayle, and other the premysles, so by hym vsed or woyn vpon his persone, horse, mule, or other beaste, wherwith so euer it be garnysed, embrowded, doubled, or myxed, or the value thereof: and also. iii. s. iii. d. in the name of a fyne for euery daye, that he shall so weare the same, contrary to the tenour & purpose of this acte. And that euery man, that woll, may lawfully sue for the same, by action of detynue, to be commenced within. xv. dayes nexte after the
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Beginning of the terme, next ensuynge, after any
suche tyme and cause of forfayture soo gyuen:
in the whiche action the defendaunte shall not
be suffered to wage his lawe, nor any esoyne or
protection shall be to hym allowed in that behalf.
The one halfe of the which forfayture and fine
shall be to the kynges hyghnes, and the other
halfe to hym or them, that wol sue for the same,
in fourme, and within the tyme befoze limited.

¶ A N D it is further enacted by the aucto-
ritie aforesayde, that it shall be lausful to the Jus-
tices of peace in theyr sessions, the Chyeffe in
his Turne, the Steward in any lete or laweday,
the aldermen in theyr wardes, and to all other
persons, haupnge auctoritie to enquire of blods-
shedde & frapes, to enquire of euery of the sayde
offences and forfaytures: and the parties offen-
dinge ageynst this statute, and so presented, shall
make fyne in maner and forme, and after the
rate aforesayde.

¶ O V E R this it is enacted by the auctoritie
aforesayde, that all other actes made for refoz-
mation of excesse in apparell, or arraye, at any
tyme befoze this present parlyament, and all and
singuler articles, prouisions, forfaytures, & pe-
nalties, mencioned in the sayde former actes or
any of them, be from hencefozthe vtterly boide,
repelled, extyncte, and of none effecte: And all
transgressions, offences, sommes of money, pe-
nalties, and forfaytures for any thyng doone
contrarye to the sayde former actes, or any of
them, befoze this tyme made for refozation of
excesse in apparayle, be clerely remitted, pardoa-
ned, and relefed: and the offenders in that behalf

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and euery of them to be therof dyscharged, and
acquitted for euer.

PROVIDED alwayes, that this acte,
nor any thyng therein conteyned, be hurtfull or
preiudiciall to any spirytuall or temporall per-
son, in and for the wearynge any ornaments
of the churche, vsed for executing diuine seruite,
or for wearynge theyr amys, mantyls, habi-
tes, or garmentes of religion, or other thynges,
whiche they be vsed or bounde vnto by theyr ro-
mes, or promotions, or religions, ne also to a-
ny graduates, beadels, or ministers to the gra-
duates in vniuersities and scholes, for wearing
of theyr habites or hoodes, with furrer, lynin-
ges, or otherwise, after suche forme as heretofore
they haue ben accustomed to do, any thinge
in this presente acte, made to the contrary not
withstandyng.

PROVIDED also that this act, nor a-
ny thyng therein conteyned, be preiudiciall or
hurtfull to any persone or persones for wea-
ring of any linnen cloth, made or wrought out
of this realme, or other partyes of the kynges
obeysaunce, ne to any persone beyng of the de-
gree of a gentylman, for wearynge of any surte
made, wroughte, or embrowdred with threde
and sylke onely, so the same worke or embroude-
ry be made within this realme of England, wa-
les, Calles, Berwyke, or the marches.

GOD SAVE THE
KYNGE.

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THOMAE BERTHE
LETI REGII IMP
PRESS
SORIS. EXCVS.

ANNO. M. D. XXXVIII.

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